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SUBJ: PLO WISHES SC MEETING ON ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF MOSLEM
SHRINES

1. FROM EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN MISSIONS WE UNDERSTAND THAT
PLO UN OBSERVER TERZI TOLD ARAB LEAGUE HE HAD SENT SC
PRESIDENT I.E. (UNITED STATES) A LETTER ASKING SC TO CONSIDER
ALLEGED ISRAELI VIOLATIONS OF MOSLEM HOLY SHRINES,
PARTICULARLY AL-AQSA MOSQUE. MISSION HAS RECEIVED NO
SUCH LETTER, NOR APPARENTLY HAS SECRETARIAT OFFICE IN CHARGE
OF SC AFFAIRS. ACCORDING TO UN PRESS OFFICE, A UPI
STORY FROM BEIRUT ALSO CITES PLO SOURCES TO EFFECT THAT
LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO SC PRESIDENT.

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2. QUESTION OF PLO LETTER ASIDE, ARAB GROUP IS IN FACT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING TAKING AL-AQSA MOSQUE SITUATION TO SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO INTENTION OF DOING SO DURING US PRESIDENCY. ARAB GROUP HAS DECIDED NOT TAKE DECISION ITSELF, BUT IS REFERING MATTER TO MEETING OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE DELEGATIONS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 2. BENIN WILL THEN BE SC PRESIDENT.

3. EGYPTIAN DEPUTY AHMED TOLD US ARAB GROUP OPINION GENERALLY FAVORED TAKING ISSUE TO SECURITY COUNCIL THOUGH SOME ARAB DELS WERE CONCERNED AT MEAGER INFORMATION THEY HAD REGARDING JERUSALEM INCIDENTS. AHMED THOUGHT THERE WAS LITTLE QUESTION BUT THAT NON-ARAB ISLAMIC DELEGATIONS WOULD FOLLOW LEAD OF ARAB LEAGUE AND ASK COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ISSUE.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE TOLD EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN DELEGATIONS THAT WE HOPED SERIOUS THOUGHT WOULD BE GIVEN TO CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE OF WHETHER ALLEGED VIOLATIONS CONSTITUTED A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. BRITISH AND FRENCH DELS ARE MAKING SAME POINT. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH US TO BE IN TOUCH WITH KEY SECURITY COUNCIL AND ISLAMIC GOVERNMENTS. IF SO, PLEASE INSTRUCT.
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